

A Brief History of the Children and Grandchildren  
of James and Mary Murray Murdoch

James and Mary Murray were blessed with a family of eight children. Two of these, Mary, who was born in 1813, and Margaret, who was born in 1822, both died in their childhood. The remaining six children all married and had descendants. In fact, James and Mary had a total of seventy-two grandchildren.

The oldest daughter, Janet, married Alexander Smith, and they had twelve children. Three of them died in childhood, and the rest of their children remained in Scotland except for two sons, William and Alexander. They immigrated to America and eventually settled in Washington State. Two of Alexander's grandchildren, Jeanette Smith Boggan and her sister Pauline Smith McDonald Mercer, joined with the family in reunions in 1977 and 1978. They were delightful people, and everyone enjoyed meeting them.

James married Margaret McCall, and to them came nine children. Two of them died in childhood. One son, William, came to America and lived for a time in Heber City and Park City. He died in Salt Lake City on November 2, 1899, and was buried in the City Cemetery. When David Lennox Murdoch was in Scotland on a mission from 1905 to 1907, he advertised in the paper for any of their family but received no response.

Veronica married George Caldow, and to them were born eleven children. Veronica came to Utah in 1878 with her brother William. Apparently all of her children remained in Scotland. In 1906 David Lennox found the three oldest sons alive. George was unmarried and living with his brother-in-law, a Mr. Baird, who had married George's older sister Mary, who had passed away. James lived in Mauchline and John in Burubank, Scotland. This information was given to David Lennox by a granddaughter of Veronica, a Mrs. Nichol, who was then living in Cumnock, Scotland. No record had been found of the other children. According to available temple records, Veronica had seven of her children, who were dead sealed to Thomas Giles in 1890.

Mary Murdoch and Allan Mair were the parents of nine children. Three of them died in childhood, and one son, Allan Foulds, remained in Scotland. The two oldest sons, John and James, left Scotland first and eventually resided in the states of Kansas and Maryland. They left no posterity. The three younger children, Mary, Andrew, and Alexander, all came to Utah with their mother and settled in Heber City. They have left a very numerous posterity. The father, Allan

Mair, lived in Scotland with his son Allan Foulds until he died. Allan Foulds has many descendants in Scotland today.

John Murray had fifteen children by his first wife, Ann Steel, and seven children by Isabella Crawford. Seven of these children died very young, and the remaining fifteen married and had posterity. All of these children except the first two were born in America. Only one of his children by Ann Steel left Utah. This was Thomas Todd, who moved to Idaho. Two of Isabella's children moved to Idaho, Margaret Hawkes and Brigham Murdoch. The rest remained in Utah.

William had six children in Scotland by his first wife, Janet Lennox, and three children in Utah by Mary Reid Lindsay. Three of these died before marriage, and of the others, four immigrated from Scotland to Utah and two were born in Utah. Two daughters, Janet and Margaret moved to Idaho in 1898.

A total of twenty-four grandchildren were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and married, and had posterity. It is the history of the latter group that forms the bulk of the material in this volume. However, it should be recognized that there are many descendants of James and Mary who also should be included in this volume but whose histories are unknown. It is the firm desire of the family members involved in the publication of this book that someday their record also may be recorded.

The following is a summary of these seventy-two grandchildren of James and Mary Murray Murdoch:

A. Births

1. Forty-nine were born in Scotland.
2. One was born on the plains near Kansas City.
3. Twenty-two were born in Utah.

B. Immigration

1. Thirty-five remained in Scotland.
2. Fourteen immigrated to America.
  - (a) Six settled in Utah.
  - (b) Two moved to Washington.
  - (c) Two moved to Idaho.
  - (d) One lived in Maryland.
  - (e) One lived in Kansas.
  - (f) Two died enroute to Utah.

C. Posterity

1. Nineteen died without posterity.
2. Thirty-three married and had posterity.
3. Twenty have not had sufficient research to know if they married or had children.